

## BOMBARDMENT OF VLADIVOSTOK

Town and Fort Shelled by Japanese for 55 Minutes.

## BATTERIES DID NOT REPLY

NO DAMAGE DONE AND THE FLEET WITHDREW.

VLADIVOSTOK, March 6.—A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon and bombarded the town and shore batteries for 55 minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Asakof Island and at the entrance to Ussuri Bay and about thirty-two miles southeast of Vladivostok. Entering Ussuri Bay the enemy formed a line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than a mile and one-third. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town but no damage resulted and most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

## Batteries Did Not Reply.

The Russian batteries, commanded by Generals Vernotz and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy.

The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p. m., and the enemy retired in the direction of Asakof Island. Simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Asakof Island and two more near Cape Maidel. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 rubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were six and twelve inch shells.

The population of Vladivostok was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet and the prospect of attack during the day, but it remained tranquil.

## RUMORS OF LOSS.

It is claimed Four Sailors and a Woman Were Killed.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Official dispatches received here concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok by a Japanese fleet this afternoon do not mention any Russian losses, but private advices say that five were killed, four sailors and the wife of an engineer. It is apparent the Japanese are afraid to risk exposing their ships to the plunging fire of the land batteries, and it is considered probable here that the attack was really for the purpose of drawing the fire of the Russian fleet, compelling the Russians to disclose the position and caliber of their guns, and for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Russian squadron is in port. If this was the object of the Japanese it is believed to have failed signally, as the batteries did not fire a shot, and if the squadron is in port it could not be seen from the Japanese position in the bay of Ussuri on account of the high land which rises from the coast on that side, obstructing the view of the harbor.

## ALEXIEFF'S REPORT.

Vessels Were Out of Reach of the Shore Batteries.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—A communication from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar from Mukden bearing today's date, says: "I most humbly inform your majesty that the commandant at the fortress at Vladivostok reports that at 5:30 this morning seven vessels were sighted south of Asakof Island. At 9:45 they were seen to be warships making for Asakof Island. About noon the enemy's squadron was midway between the coast and Asakof Island, making for Ussuri bay. The Russian fleet, and the shore batteries, at 1:30 the enemy opened fire. Two vessels in the squadron were probably the first-class cruisers Idzumi and Yakumo, but the names of the other vessels are unknown."

## JAPS IN MANCHURIA.

Small Detachment Threatens Russian Flank.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Advices from Vladivostok say that the 2,500 Japanese troops who landed at Plakiet (on the east coast of northern Korea) are advancing toward Mukden, and from Gensan with the intention of ultimately reaching Hunchun (on the left bank of the Tumen river, about 160 miles west of Vladivostok) and threatening the Russian flank. In order to checkmate this move the Russian outposts, 1,500 strong, which recently crossed the Tumen, is advancing to occupy Koryoung, on the Tumen river, a walled city commanding the trails along which the Japanese must pass. The naval militia and forest guards in these districts were partially decided upon today. Three eastern provinces of European Russia—Viatka, Urala and Ufa—are included in the plan, the purpose of which is the strengthening of the crews of the Pacific squadron.

## Spirit of Conciliation.

The Novosti prints a significant editorial article which is very conciliatory toward Great Britain. The paper argues that the understanding between the two countries with regard to an Asiatic policy will assure peace in Asia, without which the normal development of Russian and British interests there would be impossible. If Great Britain, the Novosti says, would agree to an outlet for Russia to the Indian ocean, Great Britain's possessions in India would be unconditionally guaranteed by Russia. The Novosti also discusses the offers of British friendship, but with bad grace, saying:

"John Bull believes he has a better chance of reaching the winning post with Great Britain and Japan in double harness than with a troika, including the American Mustang."

The wife of a naval officer gives a graphic account of the bombardment of Port Arthur Feb. 5 and the flight of women and children the next day. She was awakened in the middle of the night by the heavy reports of the guns, and her first thought was that they were due to blasting operations at the dock yard, but when the guns of the fortress began to boom she awoke the servants, who were terror-stricken. She then went out on the balcony and saw the searchlights willfully swirling. The town was deserted except in front of the residence of Viceroy Alexieff.

## Great Suffering.

The officer's wife, with an infant, took a train from Port Arthur in the morning, and she describes the awful crash at the station and also at Dalny, where she learned of the fate of the Varig at Chemulpo. Great hardships were suffered by the travelers until they reached Irkutsk, eighteen days later. The trains and stations were

## SUPPLY BILLS IN THE SENATE

Dr. Wood May Also Come Up For Confirmation.

## PROGRAMME OF CONGRESS

LIVELY TIMES AHEAD IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The plans of the senate managers contemplate keeping supply bills to the front to the exclusion of other business. Consideration of the naval bill will be resumed tomorrow, and then the army appropriation bill will be taken up. It is expected that by the time the army bill shall have been disposed of the bill making an appropriation for fortifications or that providing funds for the District of Columbia will be ready.

An effort will be made to secure consideration of the nomination of Brigadier General Leonard Wood to be a major general during the week, and if time is found it is anticipated several bills will be further considered. Senator Foraker will have charge of the contest in favor of confirmation, and Senators Scott and Blackburn of the opposition.

If the appropriation bills and the Wood case do not consume the entire time Senator Lodge's Philippine shipping bill will be further considered. Senator Beveridge will make another attempt Thursday next to pass a number of pending Alaskan bills.

## HOUSE PROGRAMME.

Postal Affairs Will be Given a Shaking Up This Week.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Postal affairs will occupy the attention of the house for the better part of this week. Mr. Overstreet, chairman of the committee on postoffice and postroads, will call up the postoffice appropriation bill tomorrow, and it is anticipated several days at least will be consumed in its disposition. The minority will vigorously oppose some features and also will urge a general investigation of postoffice affairs.

The bill will be laid aside temporarily Tuesday, as by special agreement private claim bills, which gave way last week to the Indian appropriation bill, have been made the special order for that day. Before taking up the bill tomorrow the postoffice committee will report the Hay resolution requesting certain information regarding the use of "influences" by members of the house to secure increases in salary, for postmasters. The committee will recommend that this resolution be laid upon the table. Unless unanimous consent is obtained there will be no discussion on the motion to table, but it is indicated that an agreement will be reached whereby a brief time will be allowed so that some statements may be made on each side before a vote is taken.

Mr. Martin of South Dakota expects to request unanimous consent tomorrow before the appropriation bill is laid before the house for the consideration of its resolution directing the department of commerce and labor to investigate the causes for the differences which exist between the cost of live cattle and dressed beef, and on which the committee on interstate and foreign commerce has ordered a favorable report.

## PARDON MEETS WITH GENERAL APPROVAL

LEIPZIG, March 6.—King George of Saxony has pardoned Dr. Gentsch, a former director of the Leipziger bank, and ordered his release.

This pardon meets with general approval, because Dr. Gentsch is regarded as having been the victim of Herr Exner, manager of the bank, whose extravagant financing caused the downfall of the institution. The sympathy for Dr. Gentsch is strengthened because he abandoned a lucrative law practice a few years before the failure to accept a directorship in the bank, connected with duties were mainly of a legal character.

## THE DEATH RECORD.

Lord Shand.

London, March 6.—Lord Alexander Burns Shand, who was created a baron in 1892, is dead.

William Austin Goodman, Sr.

Cincinnati, March 6.—William Austin Goodman, Sr., president of the National Lafayette bank and largely connected with other enterprises, died today, aged 81.

## Rev. Dr. Willard Rice.

Philadelphia, March 6.—Rev. Willard Rice, a well known Presbyterian clergyman, died today, aged 87 years. Dr. Rice for many years was prominently connected with the Presbyterian board of publications and was the author of many Presbyterian works.

## CHINA'S EXHIBIT.

Wonderful Collection Will be Sent to St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 6.—Francis A. Carl, commissioner of the imperial maritime customs service of China, has been in charge of the Chinese World's fair exhibit, arrived from the Orient today. Mr. Carl said that China will have at the World's fair the largest, rarest and most comprehensive exhibit that has ever left the Celestial empire. Much of it will be from private collections in China.

Speaking of the Russo-Japanese war, Mr. Carl said that the Chinese would undoubtedly pitch into Russia should she invade neutral territory, though such a liberty might be taken by Japan without serious consequences.

## ACCUSED A WOMAN.

Theatrical Agent Dead From Chloral Poisoning.

New York, March 6.—Leon Melles, a theatrical agent, died today at his home from the supposed effect of "kiss-kiss drops." Just before he died he gave the name of a young woman with whom he had been on friendly terms for about a year, and who, he said, was responsible for his condition. The attending physician said that in his opinion Melles was the victim of chloral poisoning. The police are looking for the woman, Melles, who at one time was known on the stage as Lance De Melles, returned home early yesterday morning in a dazed condition and was later seized with convulsions.



CAN'T SCARE THE MAN WHO IS IN TRAINING.

## ARCTIC EXPLORER IS MISSING

Fate of Baron Toll is Unknown, But He is Supposed to Have Perished in the Frozen Wilds of Frigid Zone.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—Answering an inquiry concerning the fate of Baron Toll, the explorer who was recently reported to have perished in the Arctic ocean, M. Doubrovit, secretary of the Academy of Sciences, said that he has received not a word of news for some time. Another expedition is now searching for him. The belief now is that the baron has been lost.

The Bourse Gazette offers a reward for information establishing the explorer's death.

Nothing has been heard from Baron Toll since he left the yacht Zarla, May 23, 1902, in company with two Yakuts, and started for Bennett Island. The Zarla left her winter quarters early in June, 1902, to find Baron Toll and his associate, the Zoologist Birlik, who was unsuccessful in his mission and returned to the Lena River. Birlik escaped across the ice. Three relief parties were sent out by the academy early in 1903, one of them being under the command of Lieutenant Kolchak. A dispatch from Yalutsk, Eastern Siberia, dated January 15 last, said that boatsmen of the expedition commanded by Lieutenant Kolchak had arrived there and reported that the effort of the expedition to find Baron Toll had been unsuccessful. Baron Toll left documents on Bennett Island showing that he had turned southward, November 8, 1902.

## FLOCKING TO CANADA

Emigration From the United States Increasing at a Rapid Rate.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, March 6.—A remarkable fact has just been developed through the publication of a report of United States Consul Leo Bergholz of Three Rivers, Canada, and this is that emigration from the United States is increasing at a rapid rate into Canada. From Jan. 1 to Oct. 1 of the last calendar year Canada received 114,741 immigrants, and of these 34,721 were American citizens. This is more than the total population of Nevada for the last census, and about one-third of the population of Wyoming and several other states. Of the remaining 114,741 who entered Canada 34,882 were from England, 2,506 from Scotland, 2,390 from Ireland, 4,981 from Russia, 2,504 from Italy, 2,419 from Sweden, 2,029 from Hungary and 8,177 from Galicia.

If this rate of American emigration into Canada is maintained for a decade, the southern portion of Canada will be as American as any of our western states, and emigration will then probably become the battle cry of some political party of succeeding years, whose platform will be the absorption of at least a part of the dominion to the extent of embracing "American settlement."

## OBSERVED IN LONDON.

Archbishop of Canterbury Preached the Sermon.

London, March 6.—The celebration of "Bible Sunday" by the Bible society at St. Paul's cathedral today was robbed of considerable interest owing to the absence of King Edward, who is suffering from a cold. Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and the Prince and Princess of Wales drove to the cathedral and were met at the west door by the lord mayor, the high sheriff, the bishop of London and the dean of St. Paul's, who escorted them to a raised-off portion of the cathedral in front of the choir.

The archbishop of Canterbury, who preached the sermon, referred regretfully to the absence of King Edward and then traced the history of the Bible society during the past century. He said that when people realized the great obstacles of poverty, distance and language which the society had to overcome in placing the sacred book in the hands of every potential student, they would realize what wonderful work had been accomplished.

## DENIES THE CHARGE.

Woman Accused of Sending Poisoned Candy Arrested.

Boone, Ia., March 6.—Mrs. Sherman Dye is under arrest here charged with having sent poisoned candy to Miss Helen Nelson at Pierre, S. D. Miss Nelson, who is reported to be in a dying condition, was formerly an operator in the Boone telephone exchange. When arrested Mrs. Dye denied any knowledge of the poisoning of Miss Nelson, but admitted that she had cause for grievance against the young woman.

## HIGH TARIFF MEN.

Des Moines, Ia., March 6.—The Polk county Republican convention adopted resolutions declaring "faithful adherence to the time-honored principles of protection" as opposed to the so-called "Iowa idea." The convention was made up of delegates instructed for Congressmen Hall, who won a untimely victory over Judge Prouty in the primaries last Monday.

## TRYING TO AVOID BG STRIKE

President Mitchell in Conference With Leader of the Operators—Miners Will Act Upon the Special Committee's Report Today.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 6.—President Mitchell said tonight the situation as between the miners and operators of the central competitive district had not changed since the adjournment of the joint conference yesterday.

"The special committee," he said, "was appointed yesterday by the miners' organization to consider the situation and appointed a sub-committee to frame a formal statement of the position with the United Mine Workers will now take. This sub-committee is at work and will report tomorrow morning to the full committee, which the line is now being operated and a national convention at 9 o'clock. It will then be for the convention to accept or reject the report."

There was a conference today between F. L. Robins, leader of the operators, and President Mitchell. Neither would say what, if anything, was accomplished toward a reopening of negotiations. Later in the day President Mitchell and many other leaders of the miners were in secret consultation.

## UPHOLD RUSSIA.

Irish Nationalists Adopt a Series of Resolutions.

St. Louis, March 6.—The Irish Nationalists of St. Louis at their celebration of the birth of Robert Emmet tonight adopted resolutions upholding Russia in her war with Japan and expressing sympathy with Christian Russia against the pagan hordes. The resolutions concluded:

"That the special thanks of the exiled children of the 'Scattered Gael' be extended to the Russian government for her work done in the interests of humanity by her opposition to the designs of England in Persia, Turkestan, and other Asiatic countries, thereby preventing the extension of England's tyranny over helpless people."

A copy of the resolutions will be sent to the Russian minister at Washington.

## RAILWAY OFFICIALS ARRIVE IN MEXICO

Mexico City, March 6.—A. E. Stillwell, president of the Kansas City Mexican and Orient railway, accompanied by a party of London and New York capitalists, arrived here today. President Stillwell's main purpose in coming to Mexico at this time is to confer with the government relative to the acceptance of the captured portion of the road from Tepic to Tampico to El Estero, a distance of nearly 100 miles. The line is now being operated and as soon as it is formally accepted by the government the subsidy offered for its construction will be due and payable.

## DYNAMITE USED TO PREVENT A FLOOD

Washington, March 6.—Dynamite was successfully employed today in breaking up the heavy compact ice in the Potomac river above the Three Sisters, several miles from the city. The work will be continued several days with a view to having the narrow channel reasonably clear so as to avoid a threatened flood at Washington when the thaw in the upper river and mountain streams sets in.

## NEGROES AND WHITES ENGAGE IN BATTLE

Guthrie, O. T., March 6.—It is reported here that the negroes and whites at Bokoshe, I. T., engaged in another fight last night. The negroes were driven out of the town and about twenty shots were fired. The negroes were recently sent from Guthrie for employment on the Midland Valley railroad, now being constructed in the Indian Territory.

## FIRE STILL RAGING.

Lawton, O. T., March 6.—The fire which broke out in the military reservation north of Fort Still last night is still burning tonight. Soldiers and Indians have been busy all day fighting the fire. All the cities in the territory are sending aid to the sufferers in the stricken district.

## MORE VICTIMS FOUND.

New York, March 6.—Three more bodies were recovered today from the wreck of the Darlington hotel, making the total of fatalities twenty. They are believed to be bodies of workmen employed on the structure.

## RUSSELL IMPROVING.

Baltimore, Md., March 6.—Ex-Governor Russell of North Carolina, who is a patient at Johns Hopkins hospital, is improving.

## TOLEDO IS IN GREAT DANGER

An Immense Ice Gorge Formed Five Miles Up the River.

## RAILWAY PIERS WASHED OUT

GUARDS STATIONED TO GIVE WARNING.

TOLEDO, O., March 6.—This city is in imminent danger tonight. There has been rain during the entire day, and the ice gorges up the river have been gradually moving down toward the city. At 10 o'clock the ice had formed a temporary gorge five miles above the city. At the bridge of the Toledo Railway & Terminal company a mile below the gorge the water is nineteen feet above the normal stage. The gorge is about three miles of the Urban & Interurban Railway company's bridge across the river at Maumee City, and also did much damage to the wagon bridge across the river at that point, but did not take the bridge. In the city the water was about seven feet above the normal stage and was rising at the rate of about six inches an hour. Guards are stationed at points along the river and are keeping the officials in this city informed as to the situation.

## WATERS ARE RECEDING.

Flood Situation in Pennsylvania Improving.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 6.—The Juniata and Susquehanna rivers have been falling all day and Weather Observer Demain said tonight that they will continue to fall for four or five hours. The gorges above and below Harrisburg are still intact, and there has been no movement in the Susquehanna since the break of yesterday and in the gorge at High Spire. The conditions in the flooded district show an improvement over yesterday, and unless there is a sudden rise in the river it is thought the worst is over. The Northern Central railway is clear and through trains are being sent east by the Pennsylvania railroad, via York and Columbia, and fast freight trains over the Pennsylvania & Reading railway.

At Middletown the water is still higher than in the great flood of 1888, and the water supply and the electric light supply of the borough are still cut off. The tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad between Lockport and Middletown are covered with ice and water and two large locomotives with snowplows were sent there today to try to clear the tracks, but failed.

The Central Pennsylvania Traction company's lines are open, except from High Spire to Middletown, and cars are running as usual. The iron works in South Harrisburg and the Pennsylvania steel works at Steelton will not resume operations until the water goes down. Precautions have been taken by Mayor McClelland and the city officials in the lowlands in Harrisburg in time to leave their homes if there should be another flood from above.

## ICE GORGE BREAKING.

Main Street, Port Deposit, Md., a Boiling Stream.

Port Deposit, Md., March 6.—The ice gorge in the Susquehanna river at this point has resisted the pressure of the flood for thirty-six hours, but now shows signs of weakening. The tracks of the Port Deposit & Columbia railroad, which follow the east bank of the river, are submerged for a distance of three miles, and North Main street, which parallels the river for a few yards distant, is the bed of a roaring stream. The dwellings which stand between the tracks and the streets have been vacated and are filled with water to a depth of seven feet.

A line of rick-rapping which the railroad company constructed for the protection of its tracks has prevented a general movement of the ice shoreward, and as long as the ice is retained within the river bounds the damage is reduced to a minimum.

Reports received late today are encouraging, and the ice gorges are expected to go no higher. The great field of ice at the head of the Chesapeake bay has moved off and thus reduced the length of the gorge from ten to four miles.

## LIVES IN DANGER.

Two Families on an Island in Susquehanna River.

York, Pa., March 6.—Flood conditions along the York county shore of the Susquehanna are tonight rather uncertain. The ice is being held by Hartman's Island, near New Holland, and it is expected to start again at any minute, and if it does great damage is expected. For miles towering gorges present a magnificent spectacle, and here and there is a devastating and ruinous. Shady's Island near Goldsboro, is partly submerged tonight and on it are John and George Burger, their mother, their wives and eight children. The survivors are now being slowly moved to the shore by the aid of officials to the scene in an effort to remove the families from their perilous position.

## Flood in Nebraska.

Fremont, Neb., March 6.—The flood situation is practically unchanged and the water is still at the high mark reached Saturday. The ice in the Platte river has moved slowly during the day, but the gorge which caused the water to spread over the lowlands remains intact. The Union Pacific railroad is still unable to move trains east of the city. Officials of the road are preparing to dynamite the gorge and to run a steam launch up the river with which to repair the damaged bridge at Valley.

## Slowly Receding.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 6.—Since 6 o'clock this morning the water in the Susquehanna river here has been slowly receding. The measurement when taken at 10 o'clock tonight showed a drop of one foot today, it being seventeen feet above low water mark.

## KING'S COLD BETTER.

London, March 6.—King Edward, who is suffering from a cold, is much better today and will preside at a sitting of the privy council at Buckingham palace tomorrow.

## WOOLEN MILLS BURNED.

Conway, Mass., March 6.—The Burkeville woolen mill, owned by the Burkeville estate and leased by James Hennessey of Gardfield, N. J., was burned today.

## HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

Oswego, March 6.—The general office building of the New York Central railroad was destroyed by fire today, involving a loss of more than \$100,000.